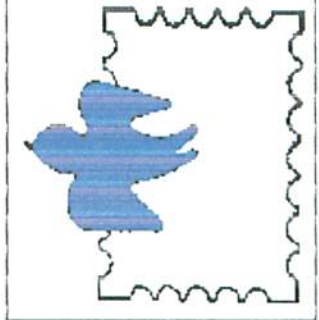


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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade
View auction lots
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Meeting & auction

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday February 3rd business meeting we had 30 members and a guest with a collection to sell, and were pleased to see **Don Arnquist** in attendance. **Tammy** gave us an update on the Loves Park school kid's projects. This year's group is doing great and are even more enthusiastic than last years about their exhibits for the show.

Hank reported that Forest Hills said we would not need to purchase insurance. **Tim** reported the return of two more dealers so we will have 13 again!

Mike Peters showed IPSA stamps from 1973. **Terry Kurzinski** shared his collection of Insured mail. **Stanley Campbell** discussed WWI postcards relating to the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France. **Tim Wait** did a "Show Off and Tell" about his Reserve-Grand and multi award winning exhibit "1862 Insurance Tax" from AmeriStamp in Atlanta.

No mystery raffle until the Big Show-one per day!

How I Started Collecting

By Nancy Godfrey

I become interested in stamp collecting in the early 1970's when I decided to organize and update my husband's first day covers and plate blocks. When a new stamp was to be issued, I would send the self-addressed envelope to the appropriate post office and would receive it back with the cancel. I continued this until 1976. his first day covers go back to the early 1950's.

For years I did nothing with stamps until 2003 when we found a stamp club in Eire, PA and we both began starting new collections. I collect mint US stamps and have a good collection. There are many more stamps to get but sadly, many are out of my price range.

Ed. - Nancy and her husband Bill joined our club last fall. Thank you for sharing Nancy!

3rd Tuesday Update: The Tuesday February 19th get together had one of its smallest crowds in quite a while with only 15 attending. There were 86 lots and 5 club lots that generated \$56.10 for the club! The Tuesday get together is NOT an official club meeting where any business can be conducted. Business matters may only be brought up at one of the Wednesday meetings.

This is, however, a great opportunity for some of our members who cannot attend on Wednesday night and some to get to both to buy and sell at the auction!

New Member Name Tags

I have finally made name tags for our new members from the last few months. They will be in a place of honor at the front table on Wednesday night! If ANY member does not have a name tag, please let Tim Wait know.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Mar 12-13 - Rockford Stamp Show

Loves Park, IL. Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hwy 173). Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers 13. Exhibits, cachet, free admission.

Fri-Sun Mar 18-20 - ASDA Midwest Stamp Show

Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours Fri-Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Free admission.

Sun Apr 10 - DANPEX

Madison, WI. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington St. Hours 10-4. Exhibits, cachet, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Red Pears

January 29—Washington, DC



Ten-cent definitive stamp featuring two red pears on a white background. The two most common red pears grown in the United States are the red Anjou, similar to green Anjous in all respects other than color; and red Bartlett pears, referred to as "Summer Pears" for the time of year in which they are harvested.

Grapes

February 19—Washington, DC



Five-cent definitive stamp features two clusters of deep-purple Pinot noir grapes growing on vines among several green leaves. Identified as a French wine grape, it is now grown in other regions including Oregon and California in the United States. Translated from the French, "pinot" is "pine", for the pine-cone shaped clusters in which the grapes grow, and "noir" is "black".

Apples

TBD—Washington, DC



This new one-cent definitive stamp features two Albemarle Pippin Apples on a branch surrounded by leaves. The Newtown Pippin is an American apple originated in the late 17th or early 18th century. U.S. presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew the Newtown Pippin in Virginia, where it acquired the alternate name Albemarle Pippin after Albemarle County, Virginia.

U.S. Flag

January 29—Washington, DC



The American flag has long symbolized the strength and spirit of the United States, and many Americans like to use these stamps on their outgoing mail and see them on incoming mail. The Postal Service, therefore, always tries to have Flag stamps available to individual and volume mailers. This latest U.S. Flag First-Class Mail Forever stamp features a detail of a photograph of a flag waving against the background of a blue sky.

Sarah Vaughan

March 19—Newark, NJ



Born March 27, 1924, Sarah Vaughan was one of America's greatest singers, successful in both jazz and pop, with a talent for improvisation and skillful phrasing and a voice that ranged over several octaves. The stamp art is an oil painting of Vaughan in performance based on a 1955 photograph by Hugh Bell. The cover side of the pane features a larger version of the stamp art and a list of some of "The Divine One's" popular songs. The stamp will be issued at the Sarah Vaughan Concert Hall.

New Issue Commentary

With the issuance of the 10¢ Red Pears issue the USPS appears to have started a new Definitive Series, which is defined as a like group of stamps that can go to press multiple times over a period of years. Usually in smaller denominations to facilitate postage payments on a variety of letters, parcels and services.

Confirmation of this new series has come with a 5¢ Grapes stamp, issued February 19th, and a 1¢ Apples stamp to be issued in the near future.

One disturbing trend that has been confirmed in the press is that the availability of these stamps is limited to a coil roll of 10,000 or a strip of 500! To get the three stamps in strips of 500 will cost \$5, \$25 and \$50 for the three denominations and then what do you do with hundreds of 1¢, 5¢ and 10¢ stamps? Let's hope the USPS has a change of heart and decides to make these available to collectors in smaller quantities.

Update - the \$1.20 Global Forever "Moon" Stamp was issued February 22 in sheets of 10.



WEB SITE UPDATE - We are looking to get more information on the Website. Please log on and take a look. Contact Webmaster, Ted Gifford with any comments or bring it up at the meetings.

It's Show Time! ROCKFORD 2016 - March 12-13

EXHIBITS - We still have room for more exhibits. We have 24 nine page exhibit frames that we would like to fill with exhibits from our members. No frame fees and no rules! Anything philatelic in nine 8½ x 11 pages per frame. Applications must be completed at the **MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING**.

AUCTION - The two day silent auction is a great time to try to sell more expensive material. There are a lot more bidders than at our monthly meetings. **Limit 10 auction lots per day per person or dealer** and they should be brought to the show before 10am each day to be checked in.

DEALERS - See the 2016 Dealer list below. Let them know what you are looking for before the show so they can make sure to bring material you are interested in.

BANQUET - Don't miss out on the Special Awards Banquet Saturday night at Stockholm Inn. Tickets can be purchased for you, your spouse or a friend, up to Noon on Saturday. Always an enjoyable evening!

CACHET - This year we are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks Service.

As always, we will need help with set up Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00, and take down at 4:00 pm Sunday.

We hope to see ALL our members for a Great Time at the Show!



Held for postage and forwarded on receipt of same.

Machine postmarked Jan 2, 1906 in Cleveland, Station B. Notice was given over the counter or sent to the sender, only identified as "Seaver", or perhaps know as Mr. P. (Percy) F. Jerome's nephew, both from the other side message?

All this extra work to delivery a one cent postcard!

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
<p>For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.</p>	<p>Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.</p>	<p>Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.</p>

ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Confirmed Rockford 2016 dealers are listed below. Due to a scheduling conflict with the Garfield-Perry March Party in Cleveland, some of our dealers will not be at our show in 2016. Let them know if you are looking for something special.

New for 2016

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Applebox Philatelic's
Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Alroy Stamps
Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Rockford Coin & Stamp
Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Pfohl's Stamps
John "Kermit" Kirpes
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

Phil Edwards
Normal, IL
309-452-2593

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

DMS Collectibles
John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

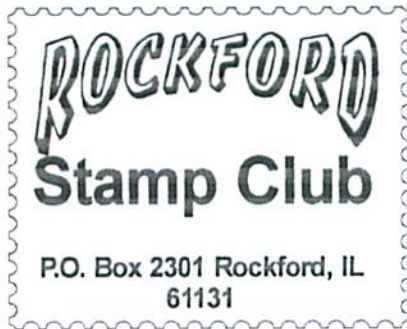
The 2016 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
779-771-9527
Vice-President.....Frank Schmitt
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston
1993 Donald Arnquist	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



FEBRUARY Meetings

Wednesday, Mar 2 and Tuesday Mar 15

Rockford Stamp Show
March 12-13